

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Division of Student Services
Office of Specialized Populations

Immigrant Student Count
February 2003

Directions – Part I

Please provide the number of immigrant students attending public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools within the jurisdiction of your school district. Charter schools should report their immigrant student enrollment individually, including their school and county code. In determining immigrant status, please note the following:

- Immigrant children and youth are individuals aged 3 – 21 who were not born in the United States and have not been attending schools in any part of the United States for more than three full academic years.
- Children born in the United States are not immigrants, regardless of the status of their parents.
- Immigrant students may be proficient in English or they may be limited English proficient (LEP). Students' level of English proficiency is not a factor in determining eligibility.
- Natives of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands (St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John) are United States citizens, and are not eligible to be counted as immigrants.
- In ascertaining eligibility, school officials may rely on credible information from any source, including the student, the student's parents or guardians and previous school records.
- Students' immigration status is not a factor in determining eligibility. The U.S. Supreme Court in Plyer v. Doe [457 U.S. 202 (1982)] ruled that public schools were prohibited from denying immigrant students access to a public education on the basis of their immigration status. In making inquiries for purposes of determining whether a student may be counted as an immigrant, schools should solicit voluntary information from parents and students or find alternative ways of identifying and documenting the eligibility of students. Schools should adhere to the following when collecting this information:
 - School personnel should be informed of undocumented students' Plyer rights;
 - School officials may not demand documentary evidence of the child's immigration status from the child or the child's parents or guardians.
- Foreign students who have been granted a visa for a specific length of time and a specific purpose are not immigrants. This includes foreign exchange students.

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Part I

School District: _____ **District Code:** _____

County: _____ **County Code:** _____

Contact Person: _____ **Phone No.:** _____

E-mail: _____

Part I – Student Count

A) Number of eligible immigrant students (PRE-K – 12) _____

B) Number of eligible immigrant students enrolled in
nonprofit, nonpublic schools within the district
(Please list each school separately)

<u>County and School Code</u>	<u>Name of School</u>	<u>Number Of Immigrant Students</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

C) Total number of immigrant students
(Totals of section A and B) _____

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Part II – Countries of Origin

School District: _____ **District Code:** _____

County: _____ **County Code:** _____

Please indicate below the countries of origin and the number of eligible immigrant students from each country enrolled in your district in February 2003. The total must be the same as reported on Part I of this application.
A separate form should be submitted for each nonpublic school.

<u>Country of Origin</u>	<u>Number of Students</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
TOTAL	_____